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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REACTOR FUEL

REF: 77 ANKARA 8953

1. IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED REFTEL, EXECUTIVE
BRANCH IS NOW PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION ISSUE THE EXPORT LICENSE FOR 2.7
KILOGRAMS OF U-235 FOR THE TURKISH TRIGA II RESEARCH
REACTOR FUEL.

2. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ONE REMAINING CLARIFICATION WE NEED
FROM THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, WE
DO NOT HAVE AN EXPLICIT NON-NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE ASSURANCE
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FROM THE TURKS INCLUDING POSSIBLE USE FOR SO-CALLED
"PEACEFUL PURPOSES", AS WE DO FROM THE VAST MAJORITY OF
OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA, INDIA AND
SPAIN. WE ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN SUCH AN ASSURANCE PUR-
SUANT TO OUR NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' OBLIGATIONS AND TO COMPLY
WITH THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978.

3. IN VIEW OF TURKISH AGREEMENT TO MEET OUR OTHER CONDITIONS, WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE A MAJOR ISSUE OUT OF OUR NEED FOR SUCH A PLEDGE. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY RAISE MATTER ON LOW-KEY BASIS, STRESSING THAT THIS ASSURANCE IS A REQUIREMENT OF NEW U.S. LEGISLATION AND PROPOSING AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES PHRASED AS AN AGREED INTERPRETATION OF PREVIOUS UNDERTAKINGS RATHER THAN A DEMAND FOR "NEW" U.S. CONDITIONS.

4. ASSUMING THAT THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS SUGGESTED AS THE BASIS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE NO-NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE PLEDGE:

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES HAS, FOR MANY YEARS, TAKEN THE POSITION IN SUCH FORA AS THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY THAT THE GUARANTEES IN ITS AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION AGAINST USE OF MATERIAL OR EQUIPMENT SUBJECT THERETO FOR ATOMIC WEAPONS OR FOR RESEARCH ON OR DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC WEAPONS INCLUDE SUCH USES IN ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, REGARDLESS OF THE INTENDED PURPOSE. THE PROVISION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL PURSUANT TO OUR AGREEMENTS IS CONTINGENT UPON THE RECIPIENT PARTY SHARING THIS POSITION. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, HOPE THAT THE ;OT COULD CONFIRM THAT IT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS INTERPRETATION.

END QUOTE.

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5. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES ANY OBJECTION TO THIS APPROACH, PLEASE ADVISE SOONETS. VANCE

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